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1. AS OF MORNING JUNE 19, A-C AIRCRAFT AND CREW ARE STILL IN OSTEND, BUT THERE ARE NOT RPT NO STRANDED AMCITS THERE AWAITING RETURN TO U.S. (SEE ALSO BELOW). CREW CAPTAIN IS HOPEFUL THAT FUNDS WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY ENABLING HIM TO FERRY PLANE FROM OSTND TO TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

2. ACCORDING TO BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION (BELGIAN DGCA OFFICE AND A-C CREW), THERE ARE TWO GROUPS OF AMCIT POTENTIAL STRANDEES. FIRST, A GROUP OF ABOUT 50 PERSONS IS EN ROUTE FROM ENGLAND TO OSTEND TO TRY TO RETURN TO U.S. ABOARD AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY AT OSTEND. THIS GROUP IS PRESUMABLY UNAWARE THAT A-C IS NO LONGER AUTHORIZED TO CARRY PASSENGERS, BUT COULD NOT BE CONTACTED IN TIME TO HEAD OFF THEIR TRAVEL TO OSTEND. WE DO NOT KNOW WHO THEY ARE OR WHETHER THEY CAME TO EUROPE ORIGINALLY VIA A-C. SECOND, THE 139 PASSENGERS WHO ARRIVED AT OSTEND JUNE 10 ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM OSTEND O/A AUGUST 3. ALTERNATIVE
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ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE FOR THEM. WE HAVE HEARD,

BUT CANNOT CONFIRM, THAT AIR CLUB INTERNATIONAL OF SEATTLE
IS INTERESTED IN TAKING OVER THAT FLIGHT WITH ITS CONVAIR 990.
WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO LOOK INTO THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. THUS FAR NEITHER EMBASSY NOR AMCONSUL ANTWERP HAS BEEN
APPROACHED FOR ASSISTANCE BY ANY AMCIT PASSENGER IN CONNEC-
TION WITH A-C PLANE PR NTLY AT OSTEND. IT WOULD APPEAR
FROM FOREGOING THAT SITUATION IS ON WAY TO BEING SOLVED
WITHOUT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FROM CAB (REFTEL A PARA 5).
WE REMAIN APPRECIATIVE OF EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FROM DEPARTMENT,
FAA AND CAB, WHICH HAS GREATLY SIMPLIFIED HANDLING OF THIS
ISSUE WITH BELGIAN INSTITUTIONS AND WITH AFFECTED AMCITS. FIRESTONE

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